In Memory

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to break down, and a time to build up."

_____ Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4

In Loving Memory
of
Joseph Louis Ellis, I

Sunrise
July 4, 1938
Jackson, Mississippi

Sunset
May 12, 2006
Las Vegas, Nevada

Services
Palm Mortuary - South Jones Chapel
Saturday, May 20, 2006
1:00 pm

Officiating
Chaplin (Colonel) Edward D. Mouchette
U.S. Army, Retired

OBITUARY

Joseph Louis Ellis was born to Reverend Mingo and Missionary Mattie Ellis on July 4, 1938. He was the tenth and final child to the family. He grew and flourished with deep family roots and fond memories. His family and friends refer to him as Joe.

Joseph received his education in the states of New York and California. He was the recipient of various awards of accomplishment and service through the years. He also served honorably in the United States Naval Reserve for eight years.

He was joined in holy matrimony to Katherine Bernice in 1966. They were blessed by three accomplished and wonderful children, Corine Samantha Collier, Blanche Lorrett Ellis-Washington, Joseph L. Ellis, II and two grand children, Kalen and Michael. In 1993, they spread their wings and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada.

He is preceded in death by his father, mother, and seven siblings. He leaves to cherish his memory two brothers, Mr. Roland Ellis of Seattle, Washington; Mr. Robert L. Ellis of Oakland, California; nieces and nephews he grew up with, Mrs. Anna Mouchette of Scottsdale, Arizona; Mrs. Essie Gordon of Phoenix, Arizona; Mr. Charles Shipes of Houston, Texas; Mr. Henry Shipes of Houston, Texas; and a host of relatives, in-laws and friends.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Prayer

Music Selection – *"Wind Beneath My Wings"*

Reflections

Tribute Memorial Video

Music Selection – *"Dance With My Father"*

Obituary *(read silently)*

Eulogy

Music Selection – *"It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday"*

Benediction

Recessional

Interment
Palm Mortuary
7600 S. Eastern Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89123

Words of Inspiration to My Loved Ones

Sunrise, Sunset

Are these the little girls I carried?
Samantha & Blanche

Is this the little boy at play?
Joseph

I don't remember growing older
When did they?

When did they get to be a beauty?

When did he get to be so tall?

Wasn't it yesterday when they
Were small?

Sunrise, Sunset
Sunrise, Sunset
Swiftly flow the days
Seedlings turn overnight to sunflowers
Blossoming even as we gaze

Sunrise, Sunset
Sunrise, Sunset
Swiftly fly the years

Words of Inspiration to My Loved Ones

Sunrise, Sunset

One season following another
Laden with happiness and tears

What words of wisdom can I give them?
How can I help to ease their ways?
Now they must learn from one another
Day by day

They are accomplished and happy
Just as they should be
Samantha
Blanche
Joseph
Is there a canopy in store
For me?

Michael and Kalen
The next generation to carry on

Sunrise, Sunset
Sunrise, Sunset
Swiftly fly the years
One season following another
Laden with happiness and tears

WILL LOVE YOU ALWAYS --- SUNRISE, SUNSET

Words of Inspiration to My Loved Ones

To My Wife

We have loved, we have laughed, we have cried and we have prayed; but most importantly, we were together. Throughout our journey, we have truly enjoyed life. You have been by my side with your love and your strength for 41 years. Please take comfort in knowing I was surrounded by your beautiful light and love when I crossed over. Thank you. I will love and cherish you forever. I know you will weep for me, but don't despair. You have been my life partner and you are my soul mate. We will meet again. I'm sorry that my chariot left sooner than yours, but I am happy now. There is no anguish. There is no pain. I can finally rest. I am truly happy now.

Words of Inspiration to My Loved Ones

To My Son

I have watched you grow. I have nurtured you from a baby to a man and you have made me proud! I know that you will be alright. I have taught you well. Take care of your mother, for she needs you now. Be strong. Don't worry about me. I lived a good life. I have accomplished many things, but among the most important is you. I leave to this world my legacy, Joseph L. Ellis, II.

To My Baby Girl

You are my princess and always will be. Don't you fret. Dad is not suffering anymore. I will be with you always. Take comfort in knowing I am happy now.

To My Oldest Daughter

I have raised you in strength and I know you will be alright. Thank you for bringing the joy of grand children into my life. Take care of them and the others; they will need you. I know you will be there for them as you were there for me. Thank you.

To My Treasured Family Members I Leave Behind

We have shared so many memories. I am not a man of many words, but I want you to know that you have been a treasured part of my life. I have gone on to meet the others now....Mi, Pi, Mary, Lee, Edna, Honey, Ree, Buddy and Paul. They have been waiting for me. I have found peace. I am happy now

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom-filled room. Why cry for a soul that's set free. Miss me a little, but not too long and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me, but let me go. For this a journey that we all must take and each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to the friends we knew and laugh at the things that we used to do. Miss me, but let me go.

To My Loving Husband

My best friend. My running buddy. My husband. My lover. My soul mate. How could I not be happy for your peace and freedom? My tears are tears of joy for you and sadness for my lost. I can see you smiling and perhaps doing a little jig. I will love you eternally.

"Pretty Wing" (Bernice)

Expression of Thanks

Thank you for your comforting messages,

acts of love and prayers.

The Ellis Family